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are parts of this amendment that give me concern, and I'll probably have a hard time voting for the entire amendment. And I don't think I want to...I don't want to try to...we can't, really, divide it. So I would have hoped that we could have done this maybe in individual amendments, ideally. But I have a couple of questions in my mind. I was here, too, when we had the gigantic discussion on the boating proposal of Senator Hilgert's, and Senator Bohlke was still here. And I just...I'm having a hard time imagining that when people read the paper tomorrow and they find out that when they are 24 years old they are going to have to go to a boating class, even though they have been operating a boat for six years or maybe eight years, that we're not going to have some real static. And I don't know if boating class is the problem with the 21 and 22-year-olds. You know, I think it's more...I think it's poor judgment and, as someone mentioned, alcohol involved. And I don't know if boating class is going to help that. Maybe it will, but I think it's a stretch. We're going to go to age 25 by 2005. That's a year and a half, and I guess I just have a little problem with the number of bills and the different subjects, and going in on Final Reading and then having concerns about something that I think is pretty sensitive when people find out what we're doing. I accept Senator Hudkins's explanation on the noise level, and I don't know I have a problem I don't think with that. I don't think I have a problem with Senator Wehrbein's suggestion, either, but I can't...I do have some reservations about the entire package, and I probably would want to learn more about it before I could support attaching the entire package at this juncture. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Erdman, on the motion to return.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you...yeah, thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I was thinking through the process here, and I'll explain why we did what we did. The proposals put before you at both LB 348, LB 74 and LB 804 were advanced from the Natural Resources Committee without objection. That was not my assumption that there wouldn't be discussion on the floor, and I think it's valid. The process, for the body's pleasure, we are willing to work with to try to figure this out.